

As you are undoubtedly aware, the Hoover Commission submitted its report on the intelligence activities of the Federal Government to the Congress on 29 June 1955. The Commission Task Force, headed by General Mark Clark, which was concerned with intelligence activities carefully considered the appropriate establishment of the positions of the Director and the Deputy Director of Central Intelligence within the executive branch of the Government. It was the ~~imperative~~ opinion of the Task Force that the position of Director of Central Intelligence should be equated with that of the Deputy Secretary of Defense and that the position of the Deputy Director of Central Intelligence should be equated with those of the Under Secretaries in the Executive Departments.

I therefore hope that the Administration's position on this legislation will make clear that the relative positions of the Director and Deputy Director of Central Intelligence should be established as befits their functions and responsibilities as set forth above and, incidentally, substantiated by the Hoover Commission. I shall be happy to provide you with any further data or to discuss any aspect of this matter with you.